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REF: PORT LOUIS A-129, AUGUST 1, 1972

1. LETTER RECEIVED MAY 23 FROM BURRENCHOBAY, PERMANENT SECRETARY IN PRIMIN'S OFFICE, WHICH DATED MAY 18, DAY PRIOR BURRENCHOBAY'S DEPARTURE WITH PRIMIN FOR OAU SUMMIT. TEXT OF LETTER NEXT PARA; UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED.

2. QTE US FOOD AID -- DURING OUR PRELIMINARY STUDY OF NEW AIRPORT TO BE CONSTRUCTED PLAINE DES ROCHES WITH CHINESE AID, WE HAVE ASCERTAINED THAT DEVELOPMENT WORKERS COULD BE FRUITFULLY EMPLOYED FOR CERTAIN UNSKILLED WORK.

NOW, YOU ARE AWARE US FOOD AID, SO GENEROUSLY GIVEN THIS GOVERNMENT BY US GOVERNMENT, IS USED BY DEVELOPMENT WORKS CORP-

ORATION AS PART PAYMENT WAGES THESE WORKERS.

PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO ENQUIRE WHETHER YOU CAN CONFIRM THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE NO OBJECTION TO OUR USING US FOOD AID AS PART PAYMENT IN KIND TO DEVELOPMENT WORKERS WHO WILL BE EMPLOYED ON NEW AIRPORT.

AN EARLY REPLY WILL BE APPRECIATED. UNQTE / S/ D. BURRENCHOBAY.

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3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT IN JUNE MEETING HERE BETWEEN PRC AND MAURITIANS ON CHINESE LOAN, GOM DELEGATION HEAD AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY RAM PYNDIAH (WHO, WE NOW UNDERSTAND PRECEDED JAGATSINGH GROUP, CITED PORT LOUIS 0494, TO WASHINGTON) HAD BROACHED POSSIBILITY OF DWC ACTING AS CONTRACTOR IN AIRPORT' S CONSTRUCTION.

4. NOW THAT ISSUE FORMALLY RAISED, EMBASSY CONTINUES BELIEVE IT NOT IN OUR INTERESTS ATTEMPT EXERT CONTROL OVER CONTRACTORS FOR WHOM DWC WORKERS PERFORM SERVICES SO LONG AS PROJECTS THEMSELVES FIT OUR CRITERIA. REALIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS VIEW, FIRST ENUNCIATED IN REFAIR, MAY BE AFFECTED BY ONGOING GOM- IBRD NEGOTIATIONS ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN, AND BY ROLE ANY NEW US PL-480 PROGRAM WOULD HAVE IN PROGRAM DEVELOPED.

5. ANY INTERIM GUIDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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